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SUBJECT: APRIL 18 DRC REVIEW OF NATO FORCE PROPOSALS/GOALS-
PORTUGAL AND TURKEY

REF: A. DRC/WP(74)1(REV), PORTUGAL AND TURKEY (NOTAL)
B. USNATO 1733
C. USNATO 1679
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SUMMARY. DRC ON APRIL 18 REVIEWED, WITHOUT MAKING ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES, 1975 TO 1980 DRAFT FORCE GOALS FOR PORTUGAL AND TURKEY. DRC DID NOT ACCEPT PROPOSED US REWORDING OF DRAFT FORCE GOAL ON AWACS. END SUMMARY.

1. DRC ON APRIL 18 REVIEWED REVISED COUNTRY CHAPTERS ON PORTUGUESE AND TURKISH 1975 TO 1980 DRAFT FORCE GOALS
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(DRC/WP(74)1(REV), POUCHED TO WASHINGTON).

2. CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS NOTED THAT REVISED PORTUGUESE CHAPTER INDICATES DRC AGREES WITH PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES THAT IT WOULD

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BE REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT MAJOR EQUIPMENT, AT LEAST TO MEET SACLANT'S FORCE PROPOSALS, SHOULD BE PROVIDED FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES AND AT SAME TIME CHAPTER NOTES THAT PORTUGAL CURRENTLY RECEIVES NO EXTERNAL AID.

3. PORTUGUESE REP ASKED THAT PROPOSALS 2M01 AND 2M06 PERTAINING TO EARMARKING/ASSIGNING ADDITIONAL SHIPS TO SACLANT BE DELETED ON GROUNDS THAT HIS AUTHORITIES DO NOT WANT TO OFFER FALSE HOPE TO SACLANT, I.E. HIS AUTHORITIES DO NOT BELIEVE PROPOSALS CAN BE REALISTICALLY IMPLEMENTED. HE FURTHER CLAIMED THAT THE REPLENISHMENT SHIP IS ALSO USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THERE IS A POSSIBILITY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT THE SHIP WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SACLANT. DRC DECIDED TO RETAIN BOTH PROPOSALS; HOWEVER, PARA 19 WHICH REPORTS RESULTS OF DEC EXAMINATION WILL BE AMENDED TO SPELL OUT IN FURTHER DETAIL PORTUGUESE DIFFICULTIES IN IMPLEMENTING THESE PROPOSALS.

4. DISCUSSION OF REVISED TURKISH DRAFT FORCE GOALS CENTERED ON SERIAL 1L07 (A US PRIORITY PROPOSAL) WHICH CALLS FOR PROVISION OF MODERN AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS FOR TURKISH LAND FORCES. TURKISH REP ASKED FOR DELETION OF PORTION OF PROPOSAL CALLING FOR PROCUREMENT OF VULCAN/CHAPARRAL ON GROUNDS THAT TURKEY ALREADY IS PROCURING WITH NATIONAL RESOURCES 100 TWIN 35 MM OERLIKON GUNS AND THAT O&M COSTS OF VULCAN/ CHAPARRAL WERE TO HIGH FOR TURKEY TO SHOULDER ALONE. SHAPE REP SAID SACEUR'S FORCE PROPOSAL TOOK ACCOUNT OF PLANNED PROCUREMENT OF ORELIKONGUNS AND CALLED FOR AN AUGMENTED AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY. DRC DECIDED TO MAINTAIN THE PROPOSAL AS A DRAFT FORCE GOAL SINCE IT IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGH EXTERNAL AID AND AGREED THAT PARA 25 WHICH REPORTS RESULTS OF DRC REVIEW WILL POINT OUT THAT TURKEY IS PROCURING OERLIKON GUNS WITH NATIONAL RESOURCES.

5. AFTER MC REP REMINDED DRC OF AWACS LANGUAGE DEVELOPED FOR UK (PARA 5D, USNATO 2025), US REP (CAPT RING), DRAWING ON STATE 78580, ATTEMPTED TO MODIFY WORDING OF AWACS PROPOSAL
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FOR TURKEY (1A31). CHAIRMAN AND UK REP REACTED SHARPLY, INDICATING DRC ACCEPTANCE OF NEW US LANGUAGE WOULD REPRESENT A MAJOR AMENDMENT AND PREJUDGE ON-GOING DISCUSSIONS IN OTHER NATO FORA. DRC AGREED WITH THESE ARGUMENTS. THUS DRAFT FORCE GOAL ON AWACS FOR TURKEY AND OTHER APPLICABLE COUNTRIES (BUT NOT FOR US) WILL READ "IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER ALLIES, CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE PROVISION OF AN AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM OPTIMIZED FOR NATO." (NOTE: DRAFT FORCE GOAL ON AWACS FOR US WILL READ AS REPORTED IN US NATO 2101).

6. DRC ADDED CUSTOMARY PARA ON MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF DRC REVISIONS TO NMA FORCE PROPOSALS. PARA ON PORTUGAL FOLLOWS:

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THE DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT THE MAIN THRUST
OF THE FORCE PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE
HAS BEEN MAINTAINED AND THAT THE DRAFT FORCE GOALS THEY ARE
NOW RECOMMENDING (I.E. INCLUDING THOSE IN PART II OF ANNEX B)
REPRESENT NO SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE CAPABILITY CALLED
FOR FROM PORTUGAL.
END TEXT.

PARA ON TURKEY FOLLOWS:

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THE DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOGNIZES THAT, AS COMPARED
WITH THE FORCE PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED BY THE MILITARY COMMITTEE,
THE DRAFT FORCE GOALS THEY ARE NOW RECOMMENDING (I.E. INCLUDING
THOSE DEPENDENT UPON EXTERNAL AID) REPRESENT A SLIGHT REDUCTION
IN THE CAPABILITY CALLED FOR FROM TURKEY. IN PARTUCLAR,
PROPOSALS CALLING FOR INCREASES OF TWO TACTICAL AIRCRAFT
SQUADRONS AND THE USE OFTHE C130 TRANSPORT SQUADRON, BOTH
REQUIRING EXTERNAL AID, HAVE BEEN DELETED. ON THE WHOLE,
HOWEVER, THEY BELIEVE THAT THE MAIN THRUST OF THE FORCE
PROPOSALS HAS BEEN MAINTAINED.
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